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OF
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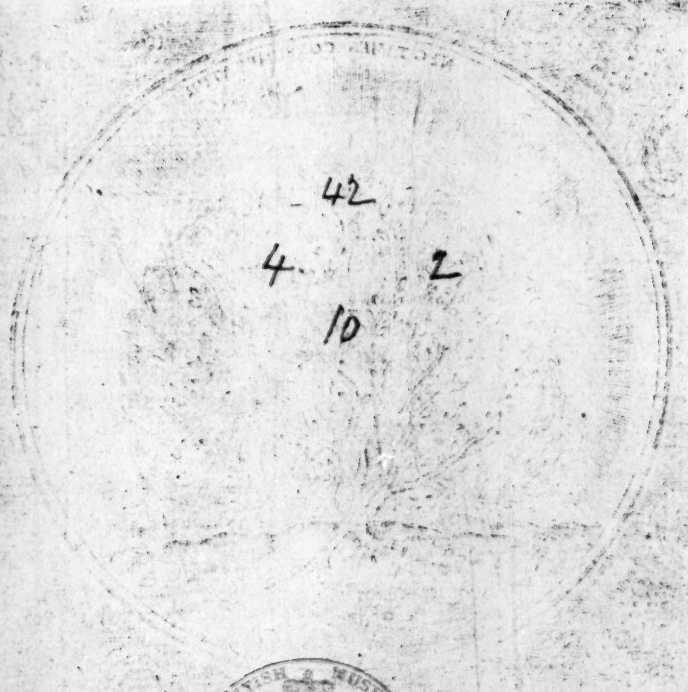


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Holden and Begun at *Edinburgh*, the 6 day of *March* 1702;
 and ending the 11 day of that same Moneth.

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The Recording of His Majestie's Commission, to Patrick Earl of Marchmont Lord High Chancellour of this Kingdom for Representing His Majesties Royal Person, in this Assembly.

At *Edinburgh* 6 *March*, 1702. Sess. 1.



HIS Day, the General Assembly of the Ministers and Elders of this National Church, being convened and constitute, there was produced to them, by *Patrick Earl of Marchmont Lord High Chancellour* of this Kingdom, His *Majestie's Commission* under the Great and Privie Seals thereof, makeing and Constituting him, *His Majestie's High Commissioner*, and Representative in this *National Assembly*: Which Commission being publickly Read, with all due honour and respect, the General Assembly did, and hereby do appoint the sament to be Recorded, in the Registers of this Assembly, therein to remain *ad futuram rei memoriam*; Whereof The Tenor follows.

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“**G**ULIELMUS, Dei Gratia, Magnæ Britannia, Franciæ
 “ & Hiberniæ Rex, Fideique Defensor, Omnibus Pro-
 “ bis Hominibus suis ad quos præsentēs Literæ nostræ pervene-
 “ rint *Salutem*, Quandoquidem statuimus, Conventum Gen-
 “ eralem Ecclesiæ Antiqui nostri Regni *Scotiæ*, ad *sextum*
 “ *diem* mensis *Martii* proximi sequentis convenire, nosque
 “ abunde cupidi, & Judicantes etiam necessarium esse propter
 “ commodum dictæ Ecclesiæ, ut Generalis Conventus antedict-
 “ us die statuto debite observetur, sed rebus magni momenti
 “ nos alio vocantibus dicto conventui interesse nequimus,
 “ Cumque, testimoniis per plurimos & probatis nobis abunde
 “ satisfactum sit de præclaris animi dotibus & fide eximia,
 “ fidelissimi & dilectissimi nostri Consanguinei & Conciliarii
 “ *Patricii* Comitis de *Marchmont*, summi nostri Cancellarii
 “ dicti Regni; Quodque ad munera Summi Officii infra-
 “ mentionati rite exercenda & obeunda in finem supra express-
 “ um, usquequaque est idoneus. *Noveritis* igitur nos fe-
 “ cisse & Constituisse, sicuti, per has Nostras Patentes Literas,
 “ Facimus & Constituimus eundem *Patricium* Comitem de
 “ *Marchmont*, Supremum Nostrum Commissionarium quoad
 “ effectum infra expressum. Damus pariter & concedimus
 “ illi sacram nostram personam & Authoritatem nostram
 “ Regalem repræsentandi, præsentiam nostram supplendi
 “ Locumque nostrum in dicto subsequenti Generali Conventu
 “ tanquam Commissionario nostro in hunc effectum specialiter
 “ constituto, tenendi omniaque alia ad imperium & munus
 “ Commissionarii pro Generali Ecclesiæ Conventu peragendi,
 “ tam plene adeoque Libere in quovis respectu, quam quilibet
 “ alius ejusdem supremi muneris & Characteris fecerit,
 “ seu quovis tempore retroacto facere poterat, atque sicuti Nos
 “ ipsi personaliter præsentēs facere poterimus, plenissimam &
 “ Amplissimam nostram potestatem & Commissionem, Quæ-
 “ quidem omnia & singula a dicto *Patricio* Comite de *March-*
 “ *mont* in hac nostra Commissionē prosequenda, Legitime faci-
 “ enda nos firmiter approbamus Rata habemus & habituri su-
 “ mus, Omnibus & singulis insuper antedicti Conventus & Ec-
 “ clesiæ pastoribus & Presbyteris & cæteris quibuscunque hu-
 “ jus nostri Regni subditis Cujuscunque qualitatē & conditi-
 “ onis ut dictum *Patricium* Comitem de *Marchmont* tanquam
 “ supremum nostrum Commissionarium quoad effectum &
 “ modum supra mentionatum agnoscant revereantur & dicto
 “ ipsius audientes se præbeant stricte mandamus & impera-
 “ mus. Ac denique hanc nostram Commissionem a dicto
 “ sexto die mensis *Martii* & deinceps hac Sessione sequenti-
 “ dicto Generalis conventus vel usque dum a nobis revocabi-
 “ tur in vigore continuare declaramus. *In cujus Rei Testi-*
 “ *monium* præsentibus magnum sigillum nostrum atque se-
 cretum

"cretum sigillum nostrum appendi præcepimus Apud
"Aulam nostram die *Kensington* vigesimo tertio die mensis
"Februarii Anno Domini Millesimo Septingesimo Secundo,
"& Anno Regni nostri tridecimo.

Per Signaturam Manu S. D. N. Regis Suprascriptam

{ Locus }
{ Magni }
{ Sigilli }
{ Appensi }

{ Locus }
{ Secreti }
{ Sigilli }
{ Appensi }

In DORSO.

Written to the Great Seal and Registrat the fifth day of March
1702, Charles Ker.

Sealed at Edinburgh the fifth
day of March 1702
Al. Home.

Sealed at Edinburgh, with
the Privie Seal the fifth
day of March, 1702.
Wil. Alves.

I I.

His MAJESTIE'S Gracious LETTER, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Eadem Sessione.

THE said Day, His Majestie's High Commissioner
presented His Majestie's most Gracious Letter,
directed to this *General Assembly*, which was pub-
lickly Read, with all due Honour and Respect, and is ap-
pointed to be Recorded in the Registers of this Assembly,
the Tenor whereof follows.

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WILLIAM R.

The ACTS of the
WILLIAM R.

Right Reverend and Well Beloved, We Greet You Well, The full Satisfaction We have had from the Proceedings of the former Assemblies, does very much Encourage Us, to Countenance Your Meeting at this Time; And as We take this Occasion to renew to You the Assurances We have often given You, of Our Resolutions to Maintain the Government of the Church, as it is now Established: So We Recommend to You Calmness and Unanimity in Your Proceedings, and that You will Carefully Avoid such Disputes, as may in this Juncture be Improven to the Disturbance of the Peace of Church and State: Especially after the late Attempt has been made towards the Subversion of Both, of which We know You have the same Sense with Our other Good Subjects, which has sufficiently appeared in the several Addresses presented to Us.

We have Appointed Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Councillor, *Patrick Earl of Marchmont* Our Chancellour, To Represent Our Royal Person in this Assembly; His Experience and Fidelity, which has Appeared in the several Eminent Trusts Discharged by Him, as they have made Us Chuse Him, so We doubt not but they will render Him Acceptable to You, We have Instructed Him Fully with Our Mind in every Thing Needful, And therefore Recommending to You, to give Him Entire Trust and Credit, We bid You Heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at Kensington the 23 Day of
February 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ and of Our Reign the 13 Year.

By His Majestie's Command
HYNDFOORD.

Direct,

To the Right Reverend and well Beloved,
The Moderator, Ministers, and Elders of the General Assembly, of
the Church of Scotland.

III. Act

III.

Anent the Production of Synod-Books to the General Assembly.

March 9. 1702. Sess. 3.

THE General Assembly Appoints, that all the Synod-Books not as yet produced, be brought to the next Meeting, And that in time coming, all Synod-Books be punctually brought in, and presented to the General Assembly yearly in the beginning thereof, according to the Ancient laudable custom.

IV.

Appointment of the General Assembly anent a Commission and drawing Instructions thereto.

March 11. 1702. Sess. 5.

HIS Majesties High Commissioner having represented to the General Assembly, the sad and Melancholy News, he had received from Court this Morning, of the indisposition and dangerous state of Health the Kings Majesty his Master our Gracious Sovereign was under, and how inconvenient it might prove, if any sudden account of His Majesties Death (which GOD avert) should happen to come, dureing the sitting of this Assembly, And that therefore it was His Graces Opinion and Desire (tho' it was resolved this Assembly should have had due time to goe through their Affairs deliberately and with Leasure) That now they should with all expedition dispatch such necessary business as was in dependance before them, And likeways fall upon some method to keep a publick and stablished course of Discipline and order in the Church whatever might fall out: The General Assembly taking to their serious consideration what was thus represented by His Majesties High Commissioner, and being convinced of the Inconveniencies that may arise, if dureing the sitting of this General Assembly, and at this Juncture, any such account of the Kings Death (which the LORD in Mercy prevent) should come to hand, and yet how necessary it is, That there be a publick and Established course of Discipline and order kept up in this Church by a Judicatory consisting of such Members as may make up an equal Representation thereof, whatever at the pleasure of Almighty GOD may fall

fall out; Do therefore Nominate and Appoint these following. viz. Mr. Charles Gordon at Askirk, Mr. John Stirling Principal of the Colledge of Glasgow, Mr. William Crichtoun at Edinburgh, Mr. James Broun at Glasgow, Mr. John Anderson Jun. at St. Andrews, Mr. Thomas Blackwell at Aberdeen, Mr. Alexander King at Elgen, and Mr. Thomas Wilkie at Canongate Ministers; The Lord Advocat, and Laird of Meggins Ruling Elders, To be a Committee, to retire instantly for Nominating Ministers and Elders to be Members of a Commission of this Assembly and National Church, and also for drawing up of Instructions to the said Commission and report to this Assembly so soon as possible, And its recommended to the said Committee to Nominate in the first place, all these old and experienced Ministers yet alive that were Ministers in the year 1661. And next all these of most experience and Ability with a just proportion and Representation from the several Presbyteries of this Church, and bring in the draught of a Commission and Instructions accordingly.

Act and Recommendation anent Ministers Stipends &c.

Eadem Sessione.

THERE being brought in to the General Assembly, the following Overture, from the Committee for Overtures, the same was Voted and Approven, and the General Assembly did, and hereby do, Recommend and appoint according thereto. The Tenor whereof followes:

Overtured that Recommendation be made by the General Assembly to the Commission of Parliament for Plantation of Kirks &c. For giving due dispatch and encouragement to all processes for Modification and Locality of Stipends, that so Ministers may have a suitable Maintainance and a competency for Communion Elements, and ready access thereto. And that it be recommended to the several Presbyteries, to send in an account to the Clerk of the General Assembly, or agent for the Kirk, of such Parishes in their bounds, as either want Legal Stipends, or want Decrets for their Stipends and Communion Elements, and to send therewith an account of the state of such Parishes, and of the Church Manse and Gleib thereof, And likewise it is Overtur'd to the General Assembly, That in all Transporations in time coming previous enquiry be made, if there be a Legal Stipend, and a Decreet theretore in the Parish craving the Transportation.

V I.

The General Assemblies Answer,

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His Majestie's Gracious Letter.

*At Edinburgh 11 March 1702, Post Merid.
Sess. 5^{ta}.*

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Royal Letter Expressing Your full Satisfaction with the Proceedings of Our former Assemblies, and the Renewed Assurances Your Majesty is pleased to give Us, of Your Resolution to Maintain the Government of the Church as now Etablished, are Accepted by Us with all Thankfulness; And lay upon Us the Deepest Obligations, to use Our best Endeavours, to Perpetuat to this Church so great a Blessing.

We have hitherto through the Favour of GOD, Behaved with all possible Calmeness and Unanimity, and do hope thorow the same Divine Grace and Assistance, and with that due Respect we owe Your Majesty, to Avoid every thing that may be Improven to the least Disturbance, or give any Advantage to Your Majestie's and Our Adversaries.

The Great Concern of the Protestant Religion, now in such visible Hazard, from the Attempts of Common Enemies, doth certainly Oblige Us, not only to be aware of all Unseasonable Diversions; But also to give Your Majesty, whom GOD hath so Eminently Raised Up, to be its Great Protector, as well as Our Gracious Deliverer, All the Assurances of Our most Hearty and Dutiful Concurrence and Service.

The Lord High Chancellour, whom Your Majesty hath been pleased to Appoint, to Represent Your Royal Person in this Assembly, Hath not only aproven Himself to Your Majesty, by his Fidelity in Discharging these Eminent Trusts, wherewith he hath been so Deservedly Honoured,

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But was so Constant and Faithful a Partaker in Our Late Sufferings, and hath ever since appeared so True a Friend to to this Church, That Your Majestie's Choice is to Us most Acceptable: And we are hopeful through the Blessing of GOD, and the Countenance Your Majesty is pleased to give Us, to dispatch the Affairs of this Assembly, to Your Majestie's Entire Satisfaction.

But while We are Dispatching this Return, We have the Surprizing and most Afflicting News of Your Majestie's Dangerous Condition by Reason of Sicknes, which not only prevents the Design We had, of an Humble Address of Duty and Affection to Your Majesty, for Adhering to and Maintaining Your Majesty and Your most Rightful Government over Us, against all Adversaries. But Obliges Us to betake Our Selves wholly to most Earnest Supplication to GOD, For Your Majestie's Preservation, And that it may please Him of His Infinite Mercy, to this and all the Churches of Christ, To Restore You to Perfect Health, and yet to Bless Us with Your Long and Prosperous Reign, for the Good of all Your Dominions.

May it please Your Majesty,

*Your Majestie's most Faithful, most
Obedient and most Humble Subjects,*

*The Ministers and Elders, met in this
National Assembly of the Church of
Scotland.*

*Signed in Our Presence, in Our
Name, & at Our Appointment, By*

D. Williamson Moderator.

VII. Com-

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Commission to some Ministers and Elders, for planting Vacant Kirks, and other affairs remitted to them.

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly, considering that there are yet some Vacant Churches on the North side of Tay, As likewise several weighty Affairs which this Assembly cannot overtake, Do therefore find it needful that there be a Commission granted to some Ministers and Elders for planting these Vacant Churches, and doing what other Affairs shall be referred to them: And for that end do hereby Nominate Commissionate and Appoint Masters, *William Mitchell* Minister at *Dundee*, *Thomas Thomson* at *Old-machire*, *Hugh Anderson* at *Cromarty*, *William Crichtoun* at *Edinburgh*, *John Law* there, *George Hamilton* there, *George Meldrum* there, *David Williamson* at *West-Kirk*, *John Vetch* at *Westruther*, *John Hardie* at *Gordon*, *William Calderwood* at *Litgerwood*, *Gabriel Semple* at *Jedburgh*, *Thomas Sheills* at *Sanquhar*, *Thomas Warner* at *Balmaclelland*, *Patrick Simpson* at *Ranfrew*, *Duncan Campbell* at *Roseneth*, *Robert Rule* at *Stirling*, *Robert Eliot* at *Kinglassie*, *Edward Jamieson* at *Monymaill*, *John Anderson* Principal of the *Leonardine Colledge* of *St. Andrews*, *Samuel Johnstoun* at *Dundee*, *James Ramsay* at *Bendoehie*, *William Lyon* at *Airly*, *John Fergusson* at *Arbroth*, *James Robertson* at *Manmure*, *David Ramsay* at *Fettercairn*, *Francis Melvill* at *Arbuthnet*, *James Osburn* Professor of Divinity at *Aberdeen*, *Thomas Blakwell* there, *Thomas Kinnier* at *Eicht*, *James Robertson* at *Glenmuick*, *William Forbes* at *Lesly*, *George Skeen* at *Kinkell*, *David Anderson* at *Foveran*, *James Broun* at *Aberdour*, *Andrew Guthrie* at *Peterhead*, *Hugh Innes* at *Morthlick*, *William Johnstoun* at *Auchterless*, *John Gilchrist* at *Keeth*, *Alexander King* at *Elgen*, *James Thomson* there, *Alexander Forbes* at *Dyke*, *James Allan* at *Roths*, *John Fraser* at *Alnes*, *Hugh Duff* at *Ferne*, *William Innes* at *Thurso* in *Caithness*, *James Sands* at *Birse* in *Orkney*, *James Buchan* at *Northmaven* in *Zetland*, *Thomas Wilky* in *Canongate*, *Archibald Riddel* at *Edinburgh*, *David Blair* there, *George Andrews* there, *William Wisehart* at *South-Leith*, *George Barclay* at *Up-hall*, *William Burnet* at *Falkirk*, *Thomas Miller* at *Kirklistoun*, *Robert Livingston* at *Biggar*, *John Buchanan* at *Livingtoun*, *James Thomson* at *Peebles*, *William Trail* at *Borthwick*, *Patrick Cuming* at *Ormeiston*, *David Walker* at *Temple*, *James Clark* at *Dirleton*, *Matthew Reid* at *Northberwick*, *John Bell* at *Gladsmuir*, *George Turnbull* at *Tynninghame*, *John Curry* at *Oldhamstocks*, *Arch-*

*bald Borthwick at Greenlaw, James Ramsay at Eymouth, John
 Dyfart at Coldinghame, John Glen at Stutchel, George Johnston
 at Erstoun, Alexander Cowden at Oxname, Charles Gordon at
 Askirk, Robert Wilson at Melrose, William Vetch at Drumfries,
 Robert Blair at Holywood, James Murray at Penpont, Dugal
 Simson at Aplegirth, James Armstrong at Cannobie, Andrew
 Cameron at Kirkcubright, Andrew Ewart at Kells, Robert Row-
 an at Penninghame, Thomas Castelow at Lesswalt, John Lawry at
 Auchinleck, Alexander Orre at St. Quivox, James Gilchrist at
 Kirkmichael, Andrew Rodger at Galston, Patrick Warner at Ir-
 ving, John Glasgow at Kilbirny, Robert Wylie at Hamilton, John
 Orre at Bothwell, John Bannatyne at Lanerk, Thomas Lining at
 Lesmahago, John Scot at Carluke, James Brown at Glasgow,
 David Broun there, James Stirline at the Baronykirk there,
 John Stirline Principal of the Colledge of Glasgow, James
 McDoual at Mernes, Andrew Turner at Erskine, John Ritchy at
 Oldkilpatrick, John Dugal at Newkilpatrick, Daniel McLaurin
 at Kilfinan, Daniel McKay at Inverary, Walter Campbell at De-
 noon, James Boes at Lochhead, Neil Mcviccar at Fort-William,
 Robert Anderson at Perth, Thomas Black there, Samuel Nairn
 at Errol, John Tullidolph at Dumbarry, Alexander Glas at
 Kinclavine, William Reid at Duneing, Hugh White at Larbert,
 John Wylie at Clackmanan, Michael Potter at Dumblaine, Alex-
 ander Douglas at Logie, Thomas Forrester Principal of the
 New Colledge of St. Andrews, James Hadow Professor of Di-
 vinity there, John Anderson Junior at St. Andrews, William
 Moncreif at Largo, James Pitcairn at Kettle, George Giespy at
 Stramiglo, Andrew Wardrop at Bingry, Joseph Drew at Mark-
 inch, Hugh Kemp at Dumfermline, and Allan Logan at Torry-
 burn Ministers; The Right Honourable Patrick Earl of
 Marchmont Lord High Chancellour of this Ancient King-
 dom of Scotland, George Earl of Melvil Lord President of
 His Majestie's Privy Council, George Earl of Southerland,
 John Earl of Tullibardine, John Earl of Ruglen, Charles Lord
 Yester, James Lord Carmichael, William Lord Forbes, Robert
 Lord Burleigh, John Lord Belhaven, William Lord Rosse,
 David Lord Boyle, Sir Hugh Dalrymple of Northberwick Lord
 President of the Session, Sir James Stewart of Goodtrees Lord
 Advocat, Adam Cockburn of Ormestoun Lord Theasurer
 Depute, Sir Collin Campbell of Aberuchel, Sir John Hamilton of
 Halcraig, Sir David Home of Crosrig, three of the Senators of
 the Colledge of Justice, Mr. John Campbell Brother to the Duke
 of Argyle, Mr. Francis Montgomery of Giffan Brother to the Earl
 of Eglington, Lieutenant Colonel John Erskine Brother to the
 late Lord Cardross, William Saily Laird of Lamington, George
 Dundas of that Ilk, James Brody of that Ilk, Sir Patrick Johnston
 Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Sir John Home of Blackader, Sir John
 Pringle of Stutchel, Sir John Swinton of that Ilk, Sir John Clark of
 Pennycook,*

Pennycook, Sir William Baird of Newbaith, Sir Andrew Kennedy of Cloburn, Sir David Stewart of Kirkfield, Sir William Denholm of Westscheilds, Sir Robert Stewart of Allanbank, George Bailly of Jerviswood, Adam Drummond of Meggins, Hugh Ross of Kilravock, Duncan Forbes of Colloiden, Arthur Forbes of Echt, William Fullarton of that Ilk, James Pringle of Buckholm, John Alexander of Blackhouse, Sir James MacLurg of Vogory, John Scrymgeour of Kirton Provost of Dundee, John Allardes Provost of Aberdeen, Hugh Montgomery of Busby Provost of Glasgow, John Anderson of Dowhil, and Robert Inglis Goldsmith Deacon-Conveener of Edinburgh Ruling Elders; To be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effect in Act IV, and before and aftermentioned: With full Power to the saids Persons, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Fifteen of the saids Commissioners, whereof Nine are alwise to be Ministers, To meet and Conveen within the Assembly-House at *Edinburgh*, the first Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten houres in the Forenoon, and afterwards to meet the first Wedensdays of *June, September, December* and *March*, and oftener when and where they shall think needful and convenient. With full power to the said Commission to chuse their own Moderator; And sikklike the General Assembly fully Empowers and Authorizes their saids Commissioners or their *Quorum*, to Receive, Consider, Cognosce and Finally Determine as they shall see cause, in every thing contained in and conform to the Instructions given by the General Assembly held in the Year One thousand seven hundred and one, to their Commission, which are hereby renewed and holden as exprest, and this Commission are appointed to proceed according thereto, as fully and freely, as if the saids Instructions were in these Presents at full length Insert and set down, And farder they are by these Presents Impowered to Cognosce upon, and Determine in all References and Appeals, made to this Assembly from any Inferiour Judicatory of this Church, and particularly in such References as were made to this Assembly, by the late Commission of the General Assembly 1701, of the Affairs that were by them left undiscussed, and such other particulars as have been Tabled before this Assembly, and not as yet Determined; And to be careful to send some to supply Vacant Churches in the North, And generally with power to the said Commission, to advert unto the Interest of the Church on every occasion, and that the Church do not suffer or sustain any prejudice, which belongs to them to prevent, as they will be answerable to the next General Assembly. And they are hereby strictly prohibite and discharged to medle in any other matters, then what is herein contained. Declaring also that in and for all their

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Actings, they shall be countable to, and Censurable by the next ensueing General Assembly of this Church, And lastly declares, that this Commission shall continue until the meeting of the next General Assembly.

V I I I.

THE next General Assembly of this National Church is to be held at *Edinburgh* the *tenth* day of *March*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundreth and Three.

This Assembly being closed, the Members were dismissed with Prayer, Singing the 46. Psalm, from the beginning to the 6. Verse, and pronouncing of the Blessing.

Collected and Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, By

Dav. Dundas Cls

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F I N I S.

To the QUEENS most Excellent Majesty,

T H E

Humble Address of the Ministers and Elders Commissioners of the late General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

At Edinburgh, March 13 1702.

May it please Your Majesty.

AS We were greatly afflicted with the sad account we had of the Death of Our late Sovereign, King *WILLIAM*, of ever Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whom and under whose happy Government, through the favour of GOD, We enjoyed many signal Blessings; So We desire heartily to Bless GOD for His having set Your Majesty, a true Protestant Queen, upon the Throne to Rule over Us.

And we humbly Tender Your Majesty our hearty Thanks for the early and full Assurance, which Your Majesty is pleased, to give in Your Gracious Letter to Your Privy Council, of Your firm Resolution, during the whole course of Your Reign to protect all Your People of this Kingdom, not only in their Laws and Liberties; But also in their Religion, and in the established Government of this Church: Both which we are persuaded are founded upon the Word of GOD; And therefore most Dear and Precious to us.

We farther presume to assure Your Majesty, that we do own and acknowledge Your Majesties Title to the Crown as most undoubtedly Lawful and Rightful; And that in our Places and Stations, we will Assert and Maintain the same to the utmost of our Power against all Pretenders whomsoever, and will use our best Endeavours with the People committed to our charge, to keep and preserve them in their Duty and Loyalty to Your Majesty.

Our constant and fervent Prayer to GOD shall be, That He may preserve and Bless Your Royal Person and Government, Guide and direct all Your Counsels, and still more and more endue Your Majesty, with all Christian and Royal Gifts and Graces, that so Your Reign may be long and every way happy and prosperous over us, and Your People under You may enjoy Peace and Truth, the greatest of Blessings, to the Glory of GOD, and Your Majesties entire Satisfaction.

Signed in Our Presence, In Our Name and at Our Appointment, by.

D. Williamson Moderator.

